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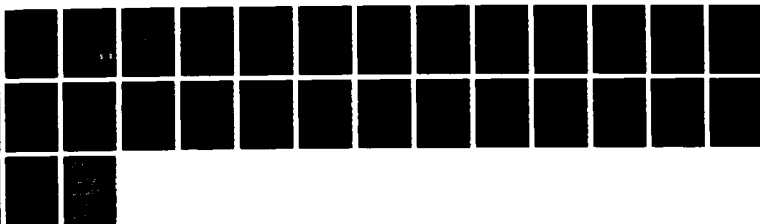
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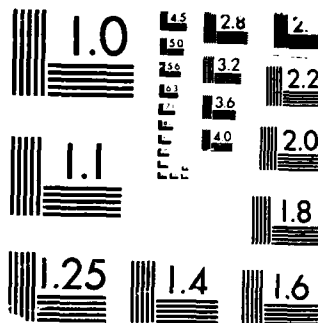
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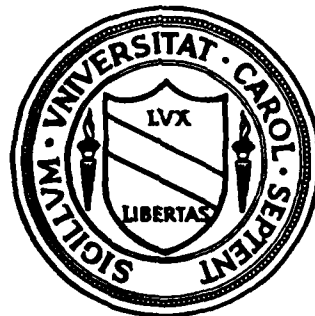
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## Abstract:

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**Introduction.** Let  $Z$  be a symmetric Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable process on  $[0, 1]$  with the characteristic function

$$E \exp\{itZ(u)\} = \exp\{-u|t|^\alpha\}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 2,$$

and let  $f$  be a real symmetric Borel function on  $[0, 1]^n$  vanishing on diagonals. A random functional

$$(0.1) \quad I_n(f) = \int_0^1 \cdots \int_0^1 f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dZ(x_1) \cdots dZ(x_n)$$

extends the notion of the multiple Wiener integral in a natural way. Existence and characterization problems, not necessarily restricted to the stable case, have recently attracted attention of many authors. For a unified presentation of a classical theory due to Wiener and Itô and for further historical background we refer to Engel (1982).

Basically, a general definition of a multiple stable integral of type (0.1) proceeded by a construction of a stable product random measure, is due to Krakowiak & Szulga (1988).

However, the first characterization of integrands of a double  $\alpha$ -stable integral in case of  $\alpha \in [1, 2)$  was obtained by Rosinski and Woyczynski (1986), and it was generalized to an arbitrary  $\alpha \in (0, 2)$  by Kwapien and Woyczynski (1987). Their condition is hardly extendable for general multiple stable integrals due to an internal complicity even though a triple stable integration criterion of a similar nature was recently found by McConnell (1986).

In the present paper we make a step towards a characterization of a distribution of a multiple stable integral by evaluating its limit behavior under a suitable normalization. We show that

$$(0.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^\alpha (\ln x)^{1-n} P(I_n(f) > x) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^\alpha (\ln x)^{1-n} P(|I_n(f)| > x) \\ &= n\alpha^{n-1} (n!)^{\alpha-2} s^{-n} \int_0^1 \cdots \int_0^1 |f(t_1, \dots, t_n)|^\alpha dt_1 \cdots dt_n \end{aligned}$$

provided

$$(0.3) \quad \int_{[0,1]^n} |f|^\alpha (1 + \delta_n(f)) (\ln_+ |f|^{n-1}) < \infty.$$

where  $s = \int_0^\infty x^{-\alpha} \sin x \, dx$ ,  $\delta_n = 1$  if  $n \neq 2$ , and  $\delta_2(f) = \ln_+ \ln_- |f|$ .

Observe that the first equality in (0.2) follows trivially only if  $n$  is an odd integer. In general,  $I_n(f)$  is not a symmetric random variable if  $n$  is an even integer even though it behaves like such because, in a sense, it is dominated by a symmetric term.

We notice that a related result was derived by Surgailis (1985) from an interpolation theorem in Lorentz spaces. Namely, he proved that for  $1 < p < \alpha < 2$

$$(0.4) \quad (E|I_n(f)|^p)^{1/p} \leq C \|f\|_{L^\alpha \log^{n-1} L(d\mu)},$$

where the r.h.s. term is a norm in a Lorentz space of random variables generated by a functional analogous to the one appearing in the r.h.s. of (0.3) (with the Lebesgue measure  $dx$  replaced by certain measure  $d\mu$ ). A discrete counterpart of (0.4) was obtained by Rosinski & Woyczynski (1987).

The paper is organized as follows. Section 1 introduces the notation and provides a collection of basic facts concerning multilinear random forms and multiple stochastic integrals. In Section 2 we prove LePage-type representation of  $I_n(f)$ . The distribution of products of arrival times, essential for our purpose, is studied in Section 3. Section 4 contains technical results on comparison of multiple series and multiple integrals. The asymptotic evaluation of the tail of the distribution of  $I_n(f)$  is obtained in Section 5.

Although we use elementary methods a combinatoric complexity of multiple sums and integrals might suggest that some techniques seem more intrinsic than, in fact, they are. A suitable notation is introduced to avoid unnecessary misunderstandings.

**1. Preliminaries.** In this paper  $\{Z(t), t \in [0, 1]\}$  denotes a symmetric  $\alpha$ -stable motion, i.e. a process with independent stationary increments such that  $E \exp\{itZ(u)\} = \exp\{-u|t|^\alpha\}$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 2$ . For each  $n \geq 1$ ,  $Z(t)$  generates a random measure  $M^{(n)}$  on Borel sets in  $[0, 1]^n$  defined as a vector measure satisfying the identity

$$M^{(n)}(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) = M(A_1) \cdot \dots \cdot M(A_n)$$

(Krakowiak & Szulga (1988)). Observe that only  $M^{(1)}$ , denoted for the sake of simplicity by  $M$ , is independently scattered, i.e. its values on disjoint sets are independent random variables.



The following notation is used throughout the paper:

$(U_n)$ -a sequence of i.i.d. uniformly distributed random variables on  $[0, 1]$ ;

$(X_n)$ -a sequence of i.i.d. exponentially distributed random variables with unit intensity;

$(\Gamma_n)$ -a sequence of arrival times of a Poisson process, i.e.  $\Gamma_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ ;

$(\epsilon_n)$ -a sequence of i.i.d. Bernoulli random variables, i.e.  $P(\epsilon_n = 1) = P(\epsilon_n = -1) = 1/2$ .

$1\{\dots\}$  will denote the indicator function of a set (or a property)  $\{\dots\}$ .

For the convenience of a typographer and a reader we introduce an abbreviated notation for expressions involving multiple indices. Any bold-face character denotes a finite or infinite sequence, e.g.  $\mathbf{a} = (a_j)$ ,  $\mathbf{j} = (j_1, \dots, j_n)$ . A bold-face subscript is related to a restriction of a sequence to suitable coordinates, for example,  $\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{j}} = (a_{j_1}, \dots, a_{j_n})$ . By definition,

$$[\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{j}}] = a_{j_1} \dots a_{j_n}.$$

We shall also write subscripts with the mathematical expectation symbol "E", e.g.  $E_{\epsilon}, E_{\Gamma}$ , etc., a convenience of which will be especially appreciated whenever Fubini's Theorem is in use. We shall skip the index of stability  $\alpha$  in all quantities used in this paper.

$L^p$  denotes the space of  $p$ -integrable random variables with usual norm (quasi-norm, if  $p < 1$ )  $\|\cdot\|_p = (E|\cdot|^p)^{1/p}$ . For  $k \geq 1$  we introduce a linear space  $\Lambda_k$  of all random variables for which the limit

$$\lambda_k(X) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{\alpha} (\ln x)^{-k} P(X > x)$$

exists. We shall be using frequently an observation based on the following elementary fact.

**LEMMA 1.1** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be positive random variables. Suppose that  $X$  has a regularly varying tail, i.e. there is a number  $\theta > 0$  such that for every number  $a > 1$*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(X > ax)}{P(X > x)} = a^{-\theta}.$$

*Suppose that the tail of  $X$  dominates the tail of a random variable  $Y$  in sense that*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(Y > x)}{P(X > x)} = 0.$$

Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(X + Y > x)}{P(X > x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(X - Y > x)}{P(X > x)} = 1.$$

**Proof.** Clearly, for any  $\sigma$ ,  $0 < \sigma < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(X + Y > x)}{P(X > x)} \\ & \leq \limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(Y > \sigma x) + P(X > (1 - \sigma)x)}{P(X > x)} \\ & \leq \limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(Y > \sigma x)}{P(X > \sigma x)} \frac{P(X > \sigma x)}{P(X > x)} + \limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(X > (1 - \sigma)x)}{P(X > x)} = (1 - \sigma)^{-\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Since, obviously,

$$\liminf_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(X + Y > x)}{P(X > x)} \geq 1,$$

the first part of the lemma follows. The second part can be proved in a similar way. ■

**Corollary 1.2.** Let  $X \in \Delta_k$ . Then, under assumptions of Lemma 1.1,  $X + Y \in \Delta_k$  and  $\lambda_k(X + Y) = \lambda_k(X)$ . ■

The remainder of the section contains a collection of basic properties of *multilinear random forms* which are defined as formal sums

$$\langle g, X \rangle = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}^n} g(j) [X_j],$$

where  $g$  is a real function on  $\mathbb{N}^n$  and  $X = (X_j)$  is a sequence of real random variables. Let  $D_n = \{i = (i_1, \dots, i_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n : i_1 < \dots < i_n\}$ , and observe that if a function  $g$  is *symmetric*, i.e.  $g(j) = g(j \cdot \pi)$  for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}^n$  and for every permutation  $\pi$  of the sequence  $(1, \dots, n)$ , and  $g$  *vanishes on diagonals* of  $\mathbb{N}^n$ , i.e.  $g(j) = 0$  whenever at least two entries of  $j$  are equal, then

$$\langle g, X \rangle = n! \sum_{j \in D_n} g(j) [X_j].$$

For this reason we consider tetrahedral multilinear forms only, i.e. related to functions  $g$  with a domain in  $D_n$ . We say that a multilinear random form  $\langle g, X \rangle$  converges if

$$\sum_{j \in D_n} g(j) [X_j] \mathbf{1}\{j_n \leq u\}$$

converges in an appropriate sense as  $u \rightarrow \infty$ . In general, most of the properties of multilinear random forms for independent symmetric random variables follow from their counterparts for Bernoulli random variables by virtue of Fubini's Theorem. We quote below several results useful for our purposes.

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X_j)$  be a sequence of independent symmetric random variables and  $g$  be a real function on  $D_n$ . The following statements hold:*

(i) (Krakowiak & Szulga (1986a)). *A random multilinear form  $\langle g, \mathbf{X} \rangle$  converges a.s. if and only if it converges in probability if and only if*

$$\sum_{j \in D_n} g(j)^2 [X_j]^2 < \infty \text{ a.s.}$$

(ii) *Contraction principle (Krakowiak & Szulga (1986b)). If  $h$  is a real function on  $D^n$  such that  $|h| \leq 1$  then a.s. convergence of  $\langle g, \mathbf{X} \rangle$  implies a.s. convergence of  $\langle g \cdot h, \mathbf{X} \rangle$ . Moreover, if  $\{X_j\} \subset L^p$  then there is a constant  $C > 0$  depending only on  $n$  and  $p$  such that*

$$E|\langle g \cdot h, \mathbf{X} \rangle|^p \leq C E|\langle g, \mathbf{X} \rangle|^p.$$

(iii) (Krakowiak & Szulga (1986b)). *Let  $\{X_j\} \subset L^p$ . Suppose that  $(g_m)$  is a sequence of real finite valued functions on  $D^n$  such that the sequence  $(\langle g_m, \mathbf{X} \rangle)$  converges in  $L^p$  for some  $p \in [0, \infty]$ . Then there is a real function  $g$  on  $D_n$  such that the multilinear random form  $\langle g, \mathbf{X} \rangle$  converges in  $L^p$  and it forms an  $L^p$ -limit of the sequence  $(\langle g_m, \mathbf{X} \rangle)$ .*

For a real positive function  $\Phi$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  we define, for  $r > 0$ ,

$$\Phi_r(x) = \Phi(x^r), \quad x \geq 0.$$

Following Kallenberg (1975), we consider a class  $\mathcal{K}_r$  of real positive functions  $\Phi$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  satisfying the following properties

(K1)  $\Phi(0) = 0$ ;

(K2)  $\Phi$  is a concave and increasing function;

(K3)  $\Phi_r$  belongs to Kallenberg's class  $F_1 \cup F_2$ , i.e. either it is concave or it is absolutely continuous with the concave derivative  $\Phi'_r$  vanishing at the origin.

It is easy to see that (K1) and (K2) above imply that any  $\Phi$  in  $K_r$  satisfies  $\Delta_2$  condition, i.e. for any  $c > 0$  there is  $0 < d(c) < \infty$  such that for any  $x > 0$

$$(1.1) \quad \Phi(cx) \leq d(c)\Phi(x)$$

**Lemma 1.4.** *Let  $\Phi$  be a function from  $K_r$ ,  $r > 0$  and  $\epsilon$  be a Bernoulli sequence. Then there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that for every  $n$ -dimensional tetrahedral random array  $[X(i), i \in D_n]$  independent of  $\epsilon$  the following inequality holds:*

$$E\Phi_r(|\langle X, \epsilon \rangle|) \leq C^n \sum_i E\Phi_r(|X(i)|).$$

**Proof.** The statement follows from Lemma 2.1 in Kallenberg (1975) as multilinear tetrahedral Bernoulli forms are martingales. ■

**EXAMPLES.** In the paper we shall make use of the following functions

- (i)  $\Phi(x) = x, \Phi \in K_r, r \geq \alpha;$
- (ii)  $\Phi(x) = x/\ln^{\delta}(a+x), \Phi \in K_{\alpha}$  for  $a$  large enough.

In particular, choosing  $r = 2$ , one immediately obtains the *generalized Khinchine inequality*:

$$(1.2) \quad C_p^{-n}(\sum |g(i)|^2)^{p/2} \leq E|\langle g, \epsilon \rangle|^p \leq C_p^n(\sum |g(i)|^2)^{p/2},$$

where  $C_p$  does not depend on  $g$  (cf. also Krakowial & Szulga (1986a)).

**Remark 1.5** Once a random multilinear form  $\langle g, X \rangle$  in symmetric random variables  $X = (X_j)$  converges a.s., it converges unconditionally, i.e. regardless of any deterministic permutation of its entries. This follows immediately from Fubini's Theorem and the generalized Khinchine inequality.

**2. Le Page's representation of multiple stable integral.** In 1984 Marcus & Pisier proved, elaborating the results of Le Page (1980) and Le Page, Woodroffe & Zinn (1981), that for any function  $f \in L^{\alpha}([0, 1])$

$$(2.1) \quad \int_0^1 f(t) dZ(t) \stackrel{D}{=} s^{-1/\alpha} \sum f(U_j) \Gamma_j^{-1/\alpha} \epsilon_j.$$

where  $s = \int_0^\infty x^{-\alpha} \sin x \, dx$ , and  $U, \Gamma, \epsilon$  are independent of each other, and the series in r.h.s. of (2.1) converges a.s. and in  $L^p$ ,  $p < \alpha$ .

In particular, one obtains a series representation of a stable motion

$$(2.2) \quad (Z(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1) \stackrel{D}{=} (s^{-1/\alpha} \Sigma 1\{U_j \leq t\} \Gamma_j^{-1/\alpha} \epsilon_j, 0 \leq t \leq 1),$$

and therefore a counterpart of (2.1) for a multiple stable integral is expected to hold. A possibility of such a representation, at least for  $n = 2$  and  $n = 3$ , was mentioned in the paper of McConnel (1986).

The aim of this section is to extend Le Page's representation to the multiple stable integral.

Recall that a symmetric vanishing on diagonals Borel function on  $[0, 1]^n$  is said to be integrable with respect to  $M^{(n)}$  if there is a sequence  $(f_m)$  of simple functions converging in Lebesgue measure to  $f$  such that multiple stochastic integrals  $I_n(f_m) = \int_{[0,1]^n} f dM^{(n)}$  (defined in a usual way) converge in probability (or equivalently, in  $L^p$ ,  $0 < p < \alpha$ ). The limit is denoted by  $I_n(f)$  or by either of following integrals

$$\int_{[0,1]^n} f dM^{(n)} = \int_0^1 \dots \int_0^1 f(t_1, \dots, t_n) M(dt_1) \dots M(dt_n)$$

(see Krakowiak & Szulga (1988) for details.)

**Theorem 2.1.** *For any symmetric vanishing on diagonals Borel function  $f$  on  $[0, 1]^n$*

$$(2.3) \quad \int_{[0,1]^n} f dM^{(n)} \stackrel{D}{=} s^{-n/\alpha} \Sigma_{j \in N^n} f(U_j) [\Gamma_j]^{-1/\alpha} [\epsilon_j],$$

*where the integral exists and the series converges unconditionally a.s., or equivalently, in  $L^p$ ,  $0 < p < \alpha$ , at the same time. The sequences  $U, \Gamma$  and  $\epsilon$  are independent of each other.*

**Proof:** By virtue of Le Page's representation we may choose an  $\alpha$ -stable random measure, and *a fortiori*, a product random measure  $M^{(n)}$  generated by the  $\alpha$ -stable process  $Z(t) = \Sigma 1\{U_j \leq t\} \Gamma_j^{-1/\alpha} \epsilon_j$ . Denoting the multiple series appearing in (2.3) by  $S_n(f)$  whenever it makes sense, we infer immediately that formula (2.3) holds a.s. for simple functions.

Suppose that  $I_n(f)$  exists. By definition, there is a sequence of simple functions  $(f_m)$  converging in Lebesgue measure to  $f$ , and such that  $I_n(f_m)$  converges in  $L^p$ ,  $0 \leq p < \alpha$ , to a random variable  $Y$  in  $L^p$ . Hence  $S_n(f_m)$  converges in  $L^p$  to  $Y$ . By Theorem 1.3(iii),  $Y = S_n(g)$  a.s. for some function  $g \in L^p$ , and the multiple series  $S_n(g)$  converges a.s. by part (i) of that theorem. For  $U$  and  $\Gamma$  being fixed,  $S_n(g)$  is a Bernoulli multilinear form. Therefore we infer from Fubini's Theorem, Theorem 1.3(i) and the generalized Khinchine inequality that  $S_n(g)$  converges in  $L^1$  and thus

$$\begin{aligned} g(U_j)[\Gamma_j]^{-1/\alpha} &= E_\epsilon S_n(g)[\epsilon_j] \\ &= \lim_m E_\epsilon S_n(f_m)[\epsilon_j] \\ &= \lim_m f_m(U_j)[\Gamma_j]^{-1/\alpha} \\ &= f(U_j)[\Gamma_j]^{-1/\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$(U, \Gamma)$ -a.s. Therefore  $f = g$  almost everywhere on  $[0, 1]^n$  and  $I_n(f) = S_n(f)$  a.s.

Suppose now that the series  $S_n(f)$  converges in probability (or equivalently, by Theorem 1.3(i), almost surely). For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $x \geq 0$  define

$$H_k(x) = -H_k(-x) = \begin{cases} 2^{-k}i, & \text{if } x \in [2^{-k}i, 2^{-k}(i+1)), i = 0, 1, \dots, 2^{2k-1} \\ 0, & \text{if } x \geq 2^k. \end{cases}$$

We observe that  $0 \leq |x| - |H_k(x)| < 2^{-k}$  and thus applying the contraction principle (Theorem 1.3(ii)) we infer that the series  $S_n(H_k(f))$  converges in probability. Further,  $(I_n(H_k(f)); n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^0$  because by virtue of Fubini's Theorem and Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem we have that

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{k, m \rightarrow \infty} E \min(1, |I_n(H_k(f)) - H_m(f)|^2) \\ &= \lim_{k, m \rightarrow \infty} E \min(1, |S_n(H_k(f)) - H_m(f)|^2) \\ &\leq \lim_{k, m \rightarrow \infty} E_{U, \Gamma} \min(1, E_\epsilon |S_n(H_k(f)) - H_m(f)|^2) \\ &= \lim_{k, m \rightarrow \infty} E_{U, \Gamma} \min(1, \sum_j |H_k(f(U_j)) - H_m(f(U_j))|^2 [\Gamma_j]^{-2/\alpha}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(H_k(f))$  is a sequence of simple functions converging almost everywhere to  $f$  then the latter identity implies the existence of  $I_n(f)$ . Moreover, it follows from the first part of the proof that  $I_n(f) = S_n(f)$  a.s.

Unconditional convergence is a general feature of random multilinear forms in symmetric random variables (cf. Remark 1.5). ■

**3. Products of Poisson arrivals.** Most of properties of products of arrival times of a Poisson process presented in this section is a part of a mathematical folklore. For the sake of convenience we collect them in one place.

**Lemma 3.1.** For  $n \geq 1$  and  $t > 0$

$$h_n(t) \stackrel{df}{=} P(U_1 \cdot \dots \cdot U_n \leq t) = \begin{cases} t \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (-\ln t)^k / k! & \text{if } t \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. It is enough to check that for  $t \leq 1$

$$h_n(t) = P(X_1 + \dots + X_n \geq -\ln t)$$

and use well known formula for the Erlang distribution (cf. Feller (1971)). ■

**Lemma 3.2.** Define, for  $t > 0$  and  $k \geq 0$ ,

$$f_k(t) = t \int_1^\infty (\ln y)^k e^{-ty} dy$$

Then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f_k(t) / (-\ln t)^k = 1.$$

Proof. Elementary calculus (l'Hospital formula, change of variables of integration, induction, etc.) is working. ■

**Lemma 3.3.** For  $n \geq 1$  we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(\Gamma_1 \cdot \dots \cdot \Gamma_n \leq t)}{t(-\ln t)^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{(n-1)!n!}$$

Proof. The identity is trivial for  $n = 1$ . Let  $n \geq 2$ . Using well known formula for converting arrival times of a Poisson process into i.i.d. uniformly distributed r.v. (cf. e.g. Karlin (1968)) we check that

$$g_n(t) \stackrel{df}{=} \int_0^\infty t^{-1} P(\Gamma_1/x \cdot \dots \cdot \Gamma_{n-1}/x \leq t/x^n | \Gamma_n = x) e^{-x} x^{n-1} / (n-1)! dx$$

$$= \int_0^\infty t^{-1} P(U_1 \cdots U_{n-1} \leq t/x^n) e^{-x} x^{n-1} / (n-1)! dx.$$

Applying Lemma 3.1 we prove by elementary calculation that

$$g_n(t) = (n-1)!^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} n^k / (k+1)! f_{k+1}(t^{1/n}),$$

which, combined with Lemma 3.2, completes the proof. ■

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $X \in L^a$  be a nonnegative random variable independent of  $\Gamma$ . Then for  $\mathbf{j} = (1, 2, \dots, n)$  and  $a > 1$*

$$\lambda_{n-1}(X[\Gamma_{\mathbf{j}}]^{-1/a}) = \frac{\alpha^{n-1} E X^a}{(n-1)! n!},$$

$$\sup_{t>0} \frac{t^a}{(\ln(t+a))^{n-1}} P(X[\Gamma_{\mathbf{j}}]^{-1/a} > t) \leq C E X^a (1 + (\ln_+ X^{-1})^{n-1}),$$

where a constant  $C$  depends only on  $a$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $n$ .

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $n \geq 2$ . Then*

$$(3.1) \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(\Gamma_1 \cdots \Gamma_{n-1} \cdot \Gamma_{n+1} \leq t)}{t(-\ln t)^{n-2}} < \infty.$$

Proof. Since the joint density  $f(.,.)$  of  $(\Gamma_n, \Gamma_{n+1})$  is given by the formula

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} e^{-y} x^{n-1} / (n-1)! & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

then the l.h.s. of (3.1) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty P(\Gamma_1 \cdots \Gamma_{n-1} \leq t/y | \Gamma_n = x, \Gamma_{n+1} = y) f(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty P(U_1 \cdots U_{n-1} \leq t/(x^{n-1}y)) f(x, y) dx dy. \end{aligned}$$

Then, applying Lemma 3.1, we decompose the l.h.s of (3.1) into the sum

$$t \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \frac{1}{k!} A_k + B,$$

where

$$A_k = \iint_{\substack{0 \leq x \leq y \\ x^{n-1}y > t}} e^{-y} y^{-1} (\ln(x^{n-1}y/t))^k dx dy.$$



and

$$B = \iint_{\substack{0 \leq x \leq y \\ x^{n-1} y \leq t}} e^{-y} x^{n-1} dx dy.$$

It is easy to check (using e.g. the estimate  $e^{-y} \leq 1$ ) that  $B \leq t^{1-1/n}$ . The term  $A_k$  is of order at most  $(-lnt)^k$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$  because, putting  $s = t^{1/n}$ , we derive the following inequalities from Lemma 3.2

$$\begin{aligned} A_k &= s \iint_{\substack{0 \leq x \leq y \\ x^{n-1} y > 1}} e^{-sy} y^{-1} (ln x^{n-1} y)^k dx dy \\ &\leq n^k s \int_1^\infty e^{-sy} (ln y)^k dy \\ &= n^k f_k(s) \approx n^k (-ln s)^k = (-lnt)^k. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.6.** For any  $\mathbf{j} \in D_n$ ,  $\mathbf{j} = (j_1, \dots, j_n) \neq (1, \dots, n)$

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P([\Gamma_{\mathbf{j}}] \leq t)}{t(-lnt)^{n-2}} < \infty.$$

We conclude this section with an observation that for any number  $\beta > 1$  there is a constant  $K > 0$  such that for every sequence  $\mathbf{j} = (j_1, \dots, j_n) \in D_n$  such that  $j_1 > n\beta$  we have

$$(3.2) \quad E[\Gamma_{\mathbf{j}}]^{-\beta} \leq K[\mathbf{j}]^{-\beta}.$$

Indeed, this follows by the Hölder inequality from the well known estimate

$$E(\Gamma_{\mathbf{j}})^{-\beta} = \Gamma(j - \beta) / (j - 1)! \leq K j^{-\beta}.$$

**4. Comparison of multiple sums and integrals.** Let  $\Phi : R_+ \rightarrow R_+$  be a nonincreasing function.

**Lemma 4.1.** For any  $u \geq 0$

$$(i) \quad \sum_{1 \leq i \leq u} \Phi(i) \leq \Phi(1) + \int_1^u \Phi(x) dx.$$

$$(ii) \quad \sum_{i \geq u} \Phi(i) \leq \Phi(u) + \int_u^\infty \Phi(x) dx.$$

**Proof.** Omitted.

**Corollary 4.2.** For  $u, v \geq 0$

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq u} \Phi(vi) \leq \Phi(v) + \int_1^u \Phi(vx) dx.$$

**Lemma 4.3.** For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $u, v \geq 0$

$$(4.1) \quad \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}^n, |i| \leq u} \Phi(v \cdot |i|) \leq \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} J_k(u, v),$$

where  $J_0(u, v) = \Phi(v)$ , and, for  $k \geq 1$

$$J_k(u, v) = \int \cdots \int_{\mathbf{x} \in [1, \infty)^k, |\mathbf{x}| \leq u} \Phi(v \cdot |\mathbf{x}|) d\mathbf{x}.$$

**Proof.** We use a standard induction argument. The case  $n = 1$  is a straightforward consequence of Corollary 4.2. Assume that (4.1) is valid for  $n - 1$  for every  $u, v \geq 0$  and every nonincreasing function  $\Phi$ . Applying the induction hypothesis with " $v$ " =  $vi_1$  and " $u$ " =  $u/i_1$  we have that

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{|i| \leq u} \Phi(v \cdot |i|) \\ & \leq \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \leq u} \sum_{1 \leq i_2 \leq u/i_1} \cdots \sum_{1 \leq i_n \leq u/i_1} \Phi(vi_1 \cdot i_2 \cdots i_n) \\ & \leq \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \leq u} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} J_k(u/i_1, vi_1). \end{aligned}$$

We have  $J_0(u/i_1, vi_1) = \Phi(vi_1)$ , and we infer from Lemma 4.1(i) that

$$\sum_{1 \leq i_1 \leq u} J_k(u/i_1, vi_1) \leq J_k(u, v) + J_{k+1}(u, v)$$

Changing the order of summation in (4.2) and handling routinely binomial coefficients we obtain the statement of the lemma valid for the integer  $n$ . ■

**Corollary 4.4.** For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and every  $u \geq e$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}^n, |i| \leq u} \Phi(|i|/u) \leq 2^n u (\ln u)^{n-1} \int_1^u \Phi(x^{-1}) x^{-2} dx + \Phi(u^{-1})$$

**Proof.** We omit a routine computation. ■

*Example 1.*  $\Phi \equiv 1$ ,

$$\sum_{|i| \leq u} 1 \leq (2^n + 1) u (\ln u)^{n-1}. \quad \blacksquare$$

*Example 2.*  $\Phi(x) = 1/x$ ,

$$\sum_{|i| \leq u} |i|^{-1} \leq (2^n + 1) (\ln u)^{n-1}. \quad \blacksquare$$

*Example 3.*  $\Phi(x) = x^{-1} \ln^\delta(a + x^{-1})$ ,  $\delta \geq 0$ . We choose  $a > e$  large enough to make  $\Phi$  a decreasing function and pick up  $u_0 > e$ . Then there is a constant  $C$  depending only on  $a$  and  $u_0$  such that for all  $u \geq u_0$

$$\sum_{|i| \leq u} \Phi(|i|) \leq \begin{cases} C(1 - \delta)^{-1} u (\ln u)^{n-\delta} & \text{if } \delta < 1 \\ C u (\ln u)^{n-1} \ln \ln u & \text{if } \delta = 1 \\ C(\delta - 1)^{-1} u (\ln u)^{n-1} & \text{if } \delta > 1. \end{cases}$$

Indeed, we estimate the integral in Corollary 4.4 as follows

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^u \Phi(x^{-1}) x^{-2} dx \\ &= \int_1^u x^{-1} \ln(a + x)^{-\delta} dx \\ &\leq (a + 1) \int_1^u (a + x)^{-1} \ln(a + x)^{-\delta} dx \\ &\leq \begin{cases} (a + 1)(1 - \delta)^{-1} (\ln(u + a))^{1-\delta} & \text{if } \delta < 1 \\ (a + 1) \ln \ln(a + u) & \text{if } \delta = 1 \\ (a + 1)(\delta - 1)^{-1} (\ln(a + 1))^{1-\delta} & \text{if } \delta > 1 \end{cases} \\ &\leq \begin{cases} (a + 1)(1 - \delta)^{-1} (\ln(a + u_0) / \ln u_0)^{1-\delta} (\ln u)^{1-\delta} & \text{if } \delta < 1 \\ (a + 1) (\ln \ln(a + u_0) / (\ln \ln u_0)) \ln \ln u & \text{if } \delta = 1 \\ (a + 1)(\delta - 1)^{-1} (\ln(a + 1))^{1-\delta} & \text{if } \delta > 1. \end{cases} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Define the operator

$$F_n(\Phi)(u) = \sum_{|i| > u} \Phi(|i|)$$

on the class  $H_n$  of decreasing positive function  $\Phi$  on  $\mathbf{R}_+$  such that

$$\int_1^\infty \Phi(x) (\ln x)^{n-1} dx < \infty.$$

**Lemma 4.3.** *There is a constant  $C_n > 0$  such that for all functions  $\Phi \in H_n$  and for  $u > e$*

$$(4.3) \quad F_n(\Phi)(u) \leq C_n \left( \int_u^\infty \Phi(x) (\ln x)^{n-1} dx + \Phi(u) u (\ln u)^{n-1} \right)$$

**Proof.** We apply an induction argument. For  $n = 1$  even a stronger inequality is given in Lemma 4.1(ii). Suppose that (4.3) holds for every  $\Phi \in H_{n-1}$  and every  $u > e$ . We decompose the l.h.s. of (4.3) into the sum of two terms as follows

$$\begin{aligned} F_n(\Phi)(u) &= \sum_{i_1 \dots i_{n-1} > u} \sum_{i_n=1}^{\infty} \Phi(i_1 \dots i_{n-1} i_n) \\ &+ \sum_{i_1 \dots i_{n-1} \leq u} \sum_{i_n > u/i_1 \dots i_{n-1}} \Phi(i_1 \dots i_n) \\ &= A_n(u) + B_n(u). \end{aligned}$$

We begin with an estimation of the second term. By Lemma 4.1(ii) and by making use of the Examples 1 and 2 following Lemma 4.2, we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} B_n(u) &\leq \sum_{i_1 \dots i_{n-1} \leq u} \left( \Phi(u) + \int_{u/i_1 \dots i_{n-1}}^\infty \Phi(i_1 \dots i_{n-1} \cdot x) dx \right) \\ &\leq C(\Phi(u) u (\ln u)^{n-1} + (\ln u)^{n-1} \int_u^\infty \Phi(x) dx) \\ &\leq C(\Phi(u) u (\ln u)^{n-1} + \int_u^\infty \Phi(x) (\ln x)^{n-1} dx). \end{aligned}$$

Using a similar argument, we check that

$$\begin{aligned} A_n(u) &\leq \sum_{i_1 \dots i_{n-1} > u} \left[ \Phi(i_1 \dots i_{n-1}) + \int_1^\infty \Phi(i_1 \dots i_{n-1} y) dy \right] \\ &= F_{n-1}(\Phi)(u) + \sum_{i_1 \dots i_{n-1} > u} (i_1 \dots i_{n-1})^{-1} \int_{i_1 \dots i_{n-1}}^\infty \Phi(x) dx \\ &= F_{n-1}(\Phi)(u) + F_{n-1}(\Phi^*)(u), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Phi^*(u) = u^{-1} \int_u^\infty \Phi(x) dx$ .

By the inductive assumption and by integration by parts we have that

$$\begin{aligned} F_{n-1}(\Phi^*)(u) &\leq C_{n-1} \left( \int_u^\infty \Phi^*(x) (\ln x)^{n-2} dx + \Phi^*(u) u (\ln u)^{n-2} \right) \\ &\leq 2C_{n-1} \int_u^\infty \Phi(x) (\ln x)^{n-1} dx. \end{aligned}$$

The latter observation and again the induction applied to  $F_{n-1}(\Phi)(u)$  combined with the estimation of  $B_n(u)$  concludes the proof. ■

*Example 4.* Let  $\beta > 1$  and put  $\Phi(x) = x^{-\beta}$ . Then there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that for  $u > e$

$$\sum_{|j| > u} |j|^{-\beta} \leq C u^{1-\beta} (\ln u)^{n-1}. \quad \blacksquare$$

**5. Asymptotic evaluation of the tail.** The main result of the paper (Theorem 5.3) is stated and proved in this section, but first we study certain properties of tetrahedral multilinear forms of the type

$$S_n^\sim = \sum_{j \in D_n} [\epsilon_j] [\Gamma_j]^{-1/\alpha} X_j$$

where  $X$  is an array of identically distributed random variables which is independent of  $\epsilon$  and  $\Gamma$  sequences. We introduce some useful decompositions of the series  $S_n^\sim$ . Put

$$T_{n,m} = \sum_{j \in D_n, |j| \geq m} [\epsilon_j] [\Gamma_j]^{-1/\alpha} X_j.$$

We decompose  $T_{n,m}$  into two summands as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} T_{n,m} &= T'_{n,m} + T''_{n,m} \\ &= \sum_{j \in D_n, |j| \geq m} [\epsilon_j] [\Gamma_j]^{-1/\alpha} X_j \mathbf{1}\{|X_j|^\alpha \leq |j|\} + \sum_{j \in D_n, |j| \geq m} [\epsilon_j] [\Gamma_j]^{-1/\alpha} X_j \mathbf{1}\{|X_j|^\alpha > |j|\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 5.1.** (a) Let  $r > \alpha$ ,  $m \geq m_0 > nr/\alpha$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Then there is a finite constant  $C' > 0$  depending only on  $\alpha, r, m_0$  and  $n$  and independent of  $m$  and the law of  $\{X_j, j \in D_n\}$  such that

$$E|T'_{n,m}|^\alpha \leq C' \left\{ E \left[ |X_j|^\alpha (1 + (\ln_+ |X_j|)^{n-1}) \right] \right\}^{\alpha/r}.$$

(b) Consider  $\Phi(x) = x/(\ln(a+x))^{n-1}$  with  $a$  chosen large enough to have  $\Phi$  in  $\mathcal{K}_\alpha$ . Let  $n > 1$  and  $m \geq m_0 > n$ . Then there is a finite constant  $C'' > 0$  depending only on  $\alpha, m$ , and  $n$ , and independent of  $m$  and the law of  $\{X_j, j \in D_n\}$  such that

$$E\Phi_\alpha(|T''_{n,m}|) \leq \begin{cases} C'' E \left[ |X_j|^\alpha (1 + (\ln_+ |X_j|)^{n-1}) \right], & \text{if } n > 2, \\ C'' E \left[ |X_j|^\alpha (1 + \ln_+ |X_j| \ln_+ |\ln |X_j||) \right], & \text{if } n = 2. \end{cases}$$

(c) Let  $n \geq 1$ ,  $m \geq m_0 > n$ . Then there is a finite constant  $C''' > 0$  depending only on  $\alpha, m_0$  and  $n$ , and independent of  $m$  and the law of  $\{X_j, j \in D_n\}$  such that

$$E|T''_{n,m}|^\alpha \leq C''' E\left[|X_j|^\alpha (1 + (\ln_+ |X_j|)^n)\right].$$

**Proof.** (a) By Hölder's inequality, Fubini's Theorem and Lemma 1.4 we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} E|T'_{n,m}|^\alpha &\leq (E|T'_{n,m}|^r)^{\alpha/r} \leq \\ &\leq C'_1 \left[ \sum_{j \in D_n, j_1 \geq m} E[\Gamma_j]^{-r/\alpha} E\left[|X_j|^r \mathbf{1}\{|X_j|^\alpha \leq [j]\}\right] \right]^{\alpha/r}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the estimate (3.2) for moments of  $\Gamma_j$  and the Example 4 following Lemma 4.3 (with  $\beta = nr/\alpha$ ) we bound the latter expression from above by the following quantities.

$$\begin{aligned} &C'_2 \left[ \sum_{j \in D_n, j_1 \geq m} [j]^{-r/\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^{[j]} E\left(|X_j|^r \mathbf{1}\{k-1 < |X_j|^\alpha \leq k\}\right) \right]^{\alpha/r} \\ &\leq C'_2 \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} E\left(|X_j|^r \mathbf{1}\{k-1 < |X_j|^\alpha \leq k\}\right) \sum_{[j] \geq k} [j]^{-r/\alpha} \right]^{\alpha/r} \\ &\leq C'_3 \left[ E\left(|X_j|^r \mathbf{1}\{0 < |X_j|^\alpha \leq 2\}\right) + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} k(\ln k)^{n-1} P(k-1 < |X_j|^\alpha \leq k) \right]^{\alpha/r} \\ &\leq C' \left\{ E\left[|X_j|^\alpha \left(1 + (\ln_+ |X_j|)^{n-1}\right)\right] \right\}^{\alpha/r}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Applying Lemma 1.4 we get

$$\begin{aligned} E\Phi_\alpha(|T''_{n,m}|) &\leq C''_1 \sum_{j \in D_n, j_1 \geq m} E\left[\Phi_\alpha(|X_j|[\Gamma_j]^{-1/\alpha}) \mathbf{1}\{|X_j|^\alpha > [j]\}\right] = \\ &= C''_1 \sum_{j \in D_n, j \geq m} E\left[\Phi\left(|X_j|^\alpha [\Gamma_j]^{-1}\right) \mathbf{1}\{|X_j|^\alpha > [j]\}\right]. \end{aligned}$$

By Fubini's Theorem, independence of  $\Gamma$  and  $U$ , moment inequality (3.2) and  $\Delta_2$  property (1.1) we conclude that the latter expression is bounded from above by

$$C''_2 \sum_{j \in D_n, j_1 \geq m} E\left[\Phi\left([j]^{-1}|X_j|^\alpha\right) \sum_{k=[j]}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}\{k < |X_j|^\alpha \leq k+1\}\right].$$

Changing the order of summation and making use of Example 3 following Corollary 4.4 we obtain in the case  $n > 2$

$$\begin{aligned} E\Phi_\alpha(|T''_{n,m}|) &\leq C_3'' \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{j \in D_n \\ |j| \leq k}} \Phi\left((k+1)|j|^{-1}\right) P(k < |X_j|^\alpha \leq k+1) \\ &\leq C_4'' \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1)(\ln(k+1))^{n-1} P(k < |X_j|^\alpha \leq k+1) \leq \\ &\quad C'' E\left[|X_j|^\alpha (1 + (\ln_+ |X_j|))^{n-1}\right]. \end{aligned}$$

The case  $n = 2$  is similar.

(c) The proof of this part is completely similar to the proof of (b).

**Proposition 5.2.** *Let  $\{X_j\}$  be a sequence of identically distributed random variables, independent of  $\Gamma$  and  $\epsilon$  sequences, such that  $E[|X_1|^\alpha (1 + \ln_+ |X_1|)] < \infty$ . Define*

$$Z_{n,1}^\sim = \Gamma_1^{-1/\alpha} \cdot \dots \cdot \Gamma_{n-1}^{-1/\alpha} \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \epsilon_j \Gamma_j^{-1/\alpha} X_j, \quad n \geq 2.$$

Then

$$\lambda_{n-1}(|Z_{n,1}^\sim|) = 0.$$

**Proof.** The proof is by induction in  $n$ . For  $n = 2$  we apply the contraction principle for probabilities

$$P(|Z_{2,1}^\sim| > x) \leq 2P\left(\Gamma_1^{-1/\alpha} \left| \sum_{j=3}^{\infty} \epsilon_j (\Gamma_j - \Gamma_1)^{-1/\alpha} X_j \right| > x\right),$$

and Proposition 5.2 follows from the independence of  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\{\Gamma_j - \Gamma_1\}$  and Proposition 5.1(c) with  $n = 1, m_0 = 2$ .

Assuming that Proposition 5.2 is valid for  $n - 1$ , we employ once more the contraction principle for probability to get for  $x > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} P(|Z_{n,1}^\sim| > x) &\leq \\ &\leq 4P\left[\Gamma_1^{-1/\alpha} (\Gamma_2 - \Gamma_1)^{-1/\alpha} \dots (\Gamma_{n-1} - \Gamma_1)^{-1/\alpha} \left| \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \epsilon_j (\Gamma_j - \Gamma_1)^{-1/\alpha} X_j \right| > x\right] = \end{aligned}$$

$$4 \int_0^\infty e^{-y} \mathbf{P}(|Z_{n-1,1}| > xy^{1/\alpha}) dy = 4 \int_0^{x^{-\alpha}(\ln x)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \dots + 4 \int_{x^{-\alpha}(\ln x)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}}^\infty \dots$$

Applying the assumption of the induction to the second integral in the expression above completes the proof.

We introduce the following modulars defined on the class of Borel functions on  $[0, 1]^n$ :

$$L^\alpha \log^\delta L(f) \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \int \dots \int_{[0,1]^n} |f(\mathbf{x})|^\alpha \left[ 1 + (\ln_+ |f(\mathbf{x})|)^\delta \right] d\mathbf{x}, \quad \delta \geq 0,$$

$$L^\alpha \log L \log \log L(f) \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \int \dots \int_{[0,1]^n} |f(\mathbf{x})|^\alpha \left[ 1 + \ln_+ |f(\mathbf{x})| \ln_+ |\ln |f(\mathbf{x})|| \right] d\mathbf{x}.$$

Now we formulate the main result of the paper.

**Theorem 5.3.** *Let  $0 < \alpha < 2$ ,  $n \geq 2$  and  $f$  be a symmetric vanishing on diagonals Borel function on  $[0, 1]^n$  such that*

$$L^\alpha \log^{n-1} L(f) < \infty \text{ if } n > 2,$$

$$L^\alpha \log L \log \log L(f) < \infty \text{ if } n = 2.$$

*Let  $M^{(n)}$  be the random measure generated on Borel sets in  $[0, 1]^n$  by a symmetric  $\alpha$ -stable process with stationary increments on  $[0, 1]$ . Then  $f$  is  $M^{(n)}$ -integrable and its integral  $I_n(f)$  has the following property:*

$$(5.1) \quad \lambda_{n-1}(|I_n(f)|) = 2\lambda_{n-1}(I_n(f)) = n\alpha^{n-1}(n!)^{\alpha-2}s^{-n}L^\alpha(f),$$

where  $s = \int_0^\infty x^{-\alpha} \sin x \, dx$ .

**Proof.** Fubini's Theorem and Theorem 1.3(i) imply that a necessary and sufficient condition for the convergence of  $S_n(f)$  (equivalently, the existence of  $I_n(f)$ ) is

$$(5.2) \quad \sum_{j \in D_n} [\Gamma_j]^{-2/\alpha} |f(\mathbf{u}_j)|^2 < \infty \text{ a.s.}$$

We introduce the following partition of the set  $D_n$ :

$$(5.3) \quad D_n = \bigcup_{k=0}^n D_{n,k},$$



where  $D_{n,0} = \{(1, 2, \dots, n)\}$ , and for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$D_{n,k} = \{(1, 2, \dots, n-k, j_1, j_2, \dots, j_k) : (j_1, \dots, j_k) \in D_k, j_1 \geq n-k+2\}.$$

Let us denote for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$

$$Z_{n,k} = \sum_{j \in D_{n,k}} [\epsilon_j] [\Gamma_j]^{-1/\alpha} f(U_j),$$

$$A_{n,k} = \sum_{j \in D_{n,k}} [\Gamma_j]^{-2/\alpha} |f(U_j)|^2.$$

We will prove that  $A_{n,k} < \infty$  a.s. for any  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . This would imply (5.2) and, simultaneously, the convergence of  $Z_{n,k}$ 's,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

Note that  $A_{n,0} < \infty$  trivially since  $D_{n,0}$  consists of only one element. Recall also that by Corollary 3.4

$$(5.4) \quad \lambda_{n-1}(|Z_{n,0}|) = 2\lambda_{n-1}(Z_{n,0}) = n\alpha^{n-1}(n!)^{-2}L^\alpha(f)$$

since  $Z_{n,0}$  is a symmetric random variable. Note that in general  $I_n(f)$  (or  $S_n(f)$ ) is *not* a symmetric random variable, except the case of the odd integer  $n$ , even though it behaves like such due to its dominance by the symmetric random variable.

To complete the proof of the theorem we have, therefore, to show that  $A_{n,k} < \infty$  a.s. for  $k = 1, \dots, n$ , and that

$$(5.5) \quad \lambda_{n-1}(|Z_{n,k}|) = 0 \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Corollary 1.2, (5.4) and (5.5) would imply then (5.1).

The proof will use an inductive argument and, as it frequently happens with inductive arguments, it is more convenient to prove somewhat more general claim. For any  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $i \geq n-k+2$  define

$$D_{n,k,i} = \{(1, 2, \dots, n-k, j_1, \dots, j_k) : (j_1, \dots, j_k) \in D_k, j_1 \geq i\},$$

$$D_{n,k,i}^* = \{(1, 2, \dots, n-k-1, i-1, j_1, \dots, j_k) : (j_1, \dots, j_k) \in D_k, j_1 \geq i\}.$$

Let  $\{X_j, j \in D_n\}$  be an array of identically distributed random variables, which is independent of  $\Gamma$  and  $\epsilon$  sequences such that

$$E\left[|X_j|^\alpha (1 + (\ln_+ |X_j|)^{n-1})\right] < \infty \text{ if } n > 2,$$

or

$$E\left[|X_j|^\alpha (1 + \ln_- (|X_j|) \ln_+ (\ln_+ |X_j|))\right] < \infty \text{ if } n = 2.$$

Finally, let

$$Y_{n,k,i} = \sum_{j \in D_{n,k,i}} [\epsilon_j] [\Gamma_j]^{-1/\alpha} X_j,$$

$$B_{n,k,i} = \sum_{j \in D_{n,k,i}} [\Gamma_j]^{-2/\alpha} X_j^2,$$

and  $Y_{n,k,i}^*$  and  $B_{n,k,i}^*$  are defined correspondingly. We will prove that  $B_{n,k,i} < \infty$  a.s. for any  $k = 1, \dots, n$  and  $i \geq n - k + 2$  (this would imply that  $A_{n,k} < \infty$  a.s. for any  $k = 1, \dots, n$ ) and that

$$(5.6) \quad \lambda_{n-1}(|Y_{n,k,i}|) = 0 \text{ for any } k = 1, \dots, n \text{ and } i \geq n - k + 2.$$

This would imply (5.5), since  $D_{n,k} = D_{n,k,n-k+2}$ . The proof is by induction in  $k$ . It is clear by Proposition 5.1(a) with  $n = 1$  and  $\alpha < r \leq 2$  and by Proposition 5.1(c) with  $n = 1$  that  $B_{n,1,i} < \infty$  a.s. for any  $i \geq n + 1$ . It also follows from Lemma 3.5 and Proposition 5.2 that (5.6) holds for  $k = 1$  and any  $i \geq n + 1$ . This constitutes the basis of the induction. Assume now that for some  $1 \leq k < n - 1$  and any  $i \geq n - k + 2$ ,  $B_{n,k,i} < \infty$  a.s. and (5.6) holds. Clearly, for any  $i \geq n - k + 1$

$$D_{n,k+1,i} = \left( \bigcup_{m=i}^{2n} D_{n,k,m+1}^* \right) \cup D_{n,k+1,2n+1}.$$

Therefore,

$$(5.7) \quad B_{n,k+1,i} = \sum_{m=i}^{2n} B_{n,k,m+1}^* + B_{n,k+1,2n+1}.$$

The assumption of the induction implies that for any  $m \geq n - k + 1$ ,  $B_{n,k,m+1}^* \leq B_{n,k,m+1} < \infty$  a.s. Moreover, Proposition 5.1(a) with  $n = k + 1$ ,  $\alpha < r \leq 2$  and Proposition 5.1(c) with  $n = k + 1$  imply that  $B_{n,k+1,2n} < \infty$  a.s. By (5.7) we conclude that  $B_{n,k+1,i} < \infty$  a.s.

We have

$$(5.8) \quad Y_{n,k+1,i} = \sum_{m=i}^{2n} Y'_{n,k,m+1} + Y_{n,k+1,2n+1}$$

Clearly, for any  $m \geq n - k + 1$ ,  $|Y'_{n,k,m+1}| \leq |Y_{n,k,m+1}|$ . Therefore, the assumption of the induction implies that  $\lambda_{n-1}(|Y_{n,k,m+1}|) = 0$  for any  $m \geq n - k + 1$ . Corollary 1.2 shows then that the claim  $\lambda_{n-1}(|Y_{n,k+1,i}|) = 0$  would follow if we prove that  $\lambda_{n-1}(|Y_{n,k+1,2n+1}|) = 0$ .

We have, for  $x > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} P(|Y_{n,k+1,2n+1}| > x) &= \\ &= P\left(\left|\sum_{j \in D_{n,k+1,2n+1}} |\epsilon_j| |\Gamma_j|^{-1/\alpha} X_j\right| > x\right) = \\ &= \int_0^\infty P\left(\left|\sum_{\substack{j \in D_{k+1} \\ j_1 \geq 2n+1}} |\epsilon_j| |\Gamma_j|^{-1/\alpha} X_{1,\dots,n-k,j_1,\dots,j_{k+1}}\right| > xy^{1/\alpha} \middle| \Gamma_1 \cdots \Gamma_{n-k-1} = y\right) dg_{n-k-1}(y) \\ &= \int_0^{x^{-\alpha}} P(\cdots) dg_{n-k-1}(y) + \int_{x^{-\alpha}}^\infty P(\cdots) dg_{n-k-1}(y), \end{aligned}$$

where  $g_n$  is the distribution function of  $\Gamma_1 \cdots \Gamma_n$ . We apply now the contraction principle (Theorem 1.3(ii)) and Fubini's theorem to conclude that for any  $y > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} E\left[\left|\sum_{\substack{j \in D_{k+1} \\ j_1 \geq 2n+1}} |\epsilon_j| |\Gamma_j|^{-1/\alpha} X_{1,\dots,n-k-1,j_1,\dots,j_{k+1}}\right|^\alpha \middle| \Gamma_1 \cdots \Gamma_{n-k-1} = y\right] &\leq \\ &\leq C \cdot E\left[\left|\sum_{\substack{j \in D_{k+1} \\ j_1 \geq 2n+1}} |\epsilon_j| \prod_{i=1}^{k+1} (\Gamma_{j_i} - \Gamma_{n-k-1})^{-1/\alpha} X_{1,\dots,n-k-1,j_1,\dots,j_{k+1}}\right|^\alpha\right] \end{aligned}$$

for some  $0 < C < \infty$  independent of  $y > 0$ . We apply now Proposition 5.1(c) with  $n = k + 1$  to conclude that the  $\alpha$ -th moment above is finite. The claim  $\lambda_{n-1}(|Y_{n,k+1,2n+1}|) = 0$  now follows from (5.9) and Markov inequality. This completes the inductive argument, and we know by now, therefore, that  $B_{n,k,i} < \infty$  a.s. for any  $k = 1, \dots, n - 1$  and any  $i \geq n - k + 2$ , and that (5.6) holds for  $k = 1, \dots, n - 1$  and any  $i \geq n - k + 2$ . It remains to consider the case  $k = n$ . We apply (5.7) with  $k = n - 1$ . Then  $B_{n,n-1,m+1}^* \leq B_{n,n-1,m+1} < \infty$  a.s. as have been proven above. Moreover,  $B_{n,n,2n+1} < \infty$  a.s. by (the proof of) Proposition 5.1(b). This shows that  $B_{n,n,i} < \infty$  a.s. for any  $i \geq 2$ . Further, we apply (5.8) with  $k = n - 1$  and, as above, the claim  $\lambda_{n-1}(|Y_{n,n,i}|) = 0$  would follow once we show that  $\lambda_{n-1}(|Y_{n,n,2n+1}|) = 0$ . But the latter statement follows immediately from Proposition 5.1(a). This completes the proof of the theorem.

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